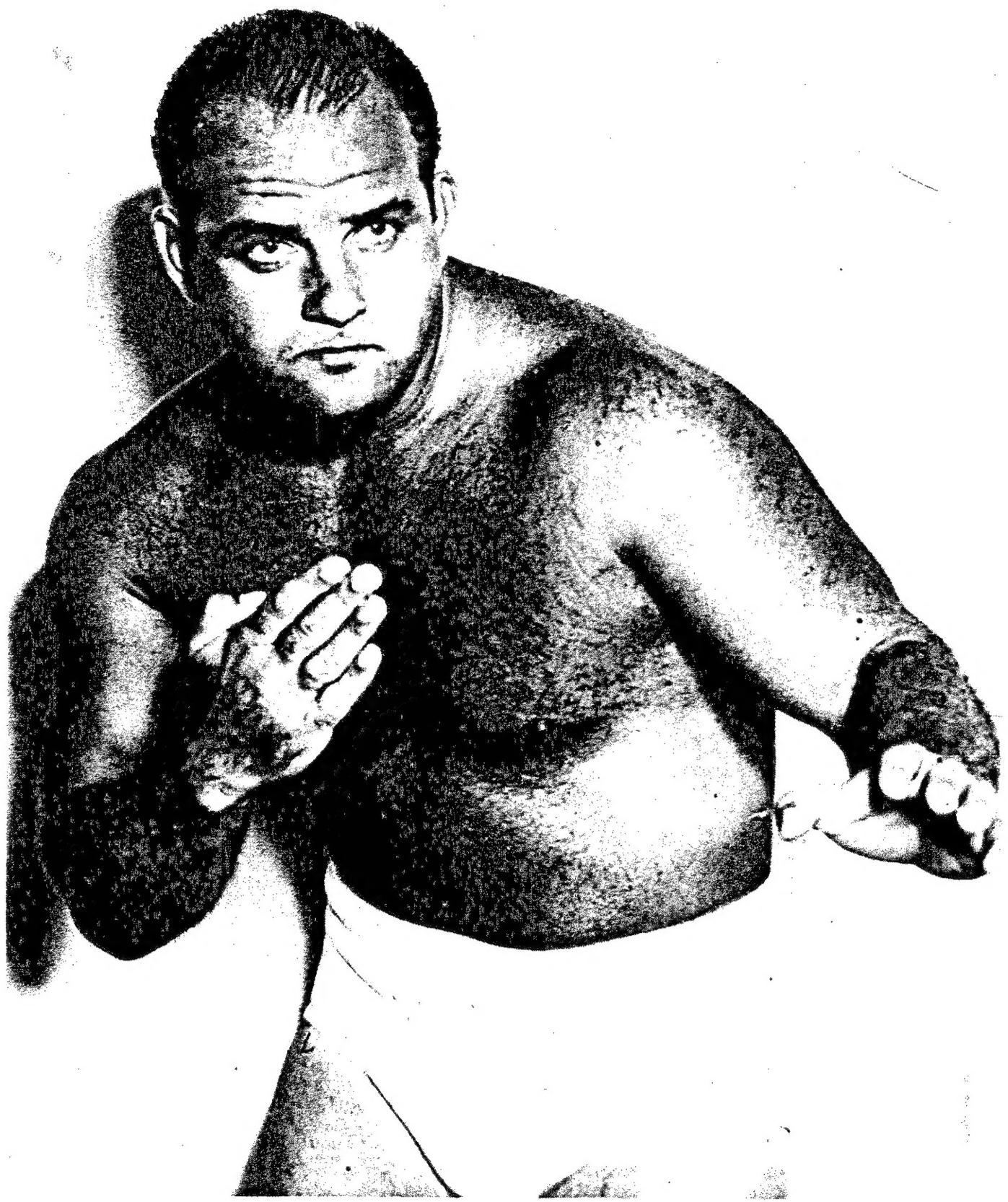


TERRY JUSTICE PRESENTS  
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**1968**





A LOOK BACK AT 1968

One of the Midwest's brightest stars was a cowboy wrestler billed only as "The Oklahoma Kid". Sadly, while this was the year he was really beginning to enter the ranks of top stars, it would also be the year of his death.

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(From Columbus, Ohio ad for card Jan. 11, 1968)



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A veteran villain team and its infamous manager were busy stirring up trouble down in Texas.

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(From Amarillo, Texas ad for card Feb. 8, 1968)

	<b>Semi-Windup</b> <b>MAN MT. MIKE . . vs... P. Y. CHUNG</b> 560 lbs. Will the Chinaman's Stomach Claw Work on Man Mountain? ? ? ?
	<b>MAIN EVENT</b> <b>T. BOLT</b> PATTERSON and <b>SPUTNIK</b> MONROE

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And in the A.W.A. territory, champ Verne Gagne put his belt on the line against a young wrestler who would in later years rule the N.W.A. twice! At this time, however, he was more involved in tag matches extremely successfully partnered with Larry "Pretty Boy" Hennig.

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# World's Title Bout

In order to get this title shot Handsome Harley promised he would leave the state if beaten by Gagne. Before accepting the challenge, Gagne insisted that Haggerty not be allowed in the state on the night the match takes place.

**THE CHAMPION**  
**VERNE GAGNE**  
—vs—  
**THE CHALLENGER**  
**HANDSOME HARLEY RACE**

**SPECIAL EVENTS!**

**MAD DOG VACHON**  
—vs—  
**COWBOY BILL WATTS**

(Above item is from ad for Minneapolis, Minn. card for Feb. 10, 1968.)

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Villainous LaBelles came into Ohio.

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(Below item is Columbus, Ohio ad for card March 7, 1968.)

**WRESTLING**

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**DOUBLE MAIN EVENT**

**MAD DOG LA BELLE**  
(Managed by Maurice LaBelle) VS. **ALEX PEREZ**

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Promotor Bobby Bruns brought top name stars back to Buffalo, N. Y. including the World's Heavyweight champion, against whom Bruns put the toughest challenger he could find.

(From Buffalo, N. Y. ad for card April 6, 1968)

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8:30 PM

Parade Of Champions  
Buffalo Auditorium



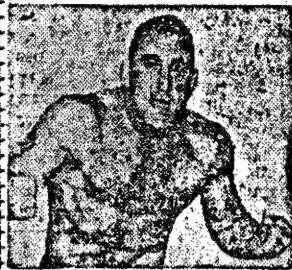
GENE KINISKI

(World's Greatest Wrestler)

vs.

Hans Schmidt

(One Fall to a finish, explosive action should develop. National Alliance champion takes on German champion.)



MORE CHAMPIONS

ARGENTINA ROCCA

vs.

THE MONGOL

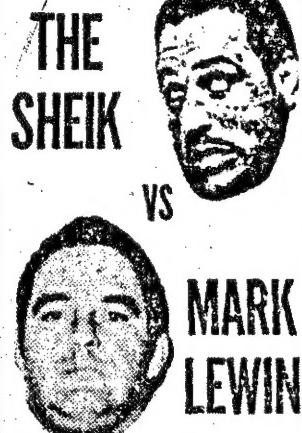
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Former World Champion Lou Thesz remained active as ever traveling all over the country.

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Item in upper right corner is from ad for Dayton, Ohio card of June 21, 1968.)

CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE



Baron VON RASCHKE

vs.  
OKLAHOMA KID

LOU THESZ vs. DAN MILLER

FRED CURRY

vs.  
MIKE LOREN

TAG TEAM MATCH  
HELLS ANGELS

vs.  
Al Costello 1/4 Chief White Owl

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A Cowboy wrestler that had formerly been a hero became a villain and began "cleaning up" in the Midwest.

(From Chicago, Illinois article for card July 27, 1968)

Add Extra Seats For Saturday Mat Show

Promoter Bob Luce has installed 1,000 extra seats for Saturday's International Am-anticipation of an all-time in-anticipation of an all-time in-door record turnout for Chi-cago that may exceed 12,300.

The arena normally seats 11,000 for wrestling. The Amphitheatre record is 12,011 set Dec. 9, 1960 when standing room was permitted.

The headline event is what Luce calls a "natural" attraction pitting world champion Verne Gagne against 27-year-old Blackjack Lanza, a virtual unknown preliminary wrestler until a year ago. Lanza is undefeated in 12 straight Chicago bouts beginning Aug. 11, 1967.

Lanza has the statistical edge. He outweighs Gagne by 44 pounds, 276 to 232, is taller by seven inches.

In five Chicago bouts this year Lanza has beaten Wilbur Snyder, The Crusher, Igor Vodik, Big Luke, and Pat O'Connor, in that order. It will be the first time Gagne has ever wrestled Lanza.

One of the sport's all-time top tag teams reunited for a series of matches in Hawaii: Johnny Barend & Magnificent Maurice!

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(Below item is from Honolulu, Hawaii ad for card Sept. 4, 1968.)

## PIER 9 BRAWL

15 - 2 MIN. ROUNDS  
WITH GLOVES



JIM HADY

vs.

K. O. COLLINS



TAG THRILLER



IAUKEA & MAIAVA

vs.

BARENDE & MAURICE



BARON SCLUNA

vs.

BILLY WHITE WOLF

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Joe Scarpa, who years later would attain great popularity as Chief Jay Strongbow, was teaming successfully in Florida with also well-liked Jose Lothario.

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(Item upper right corner is from Tampa, Fla. ad for card Sept. 24, 1968.)

## SOUTHERN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH



JOE SCARPA

& JOSE

LOTHARIO

CHAMPIONS



THE MASKED

INFERNOS

CHALLENGERS

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Veteran Mike DiBiase angered the fans in Nebraska with his villainous tactics. Ironically his son Ted, who years later would follow in Mike's footsteps, was to be a favorite of mat fans rather than a villain.

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(Omaha, Nebraska article for card October 20, 1968)

## Iron Mike Takes on Redskin At Indian's Favorite Sport

Iron Mike DiBiase is a daring man.

The former Omaha Tech High and University of Nebraska football hero went up against stiff odds during his grid career.

But tonight he'll really defy the odds as he takes on Billy Red Cloud, the Indian brave, in the City Auditorium Arena's mat feature.

It's a chain match, the favorite pastime of Chief Billy. Favorite? Well, the Indian has never lost a chain match here. The grapplers will be linked to a chain for their no-time-limit, no-disqualification match. It'll end when either Mike or Billy is able to haul the other completely around the ring.

Four bouts will back up the rare Sunday offering.

Semifinal sends Big Luke Brown against the masked man, The Avenger. The mask will come off only if Big Luke wins two of the three falls—via pins.

Chris Tolas, who won a bloody match recently from Woody Farmer, will give Farmer a chance for revenge in the special event.

A pair of one-fallers will find Pampero Firpo making his first start here in many months against Frankie Lane and Reggie Parks tackling Mike York.

Starting time has been advanced an hour—with the opening bout booked for 7:30 p. m.

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One of wrestling's roughest tag teams ever was persuaded to come out of retirement by Buffalo, New York's promoter Bobby Bruns.

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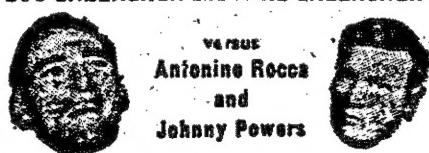


**SEMI-FINAL EVENT**  
1 fall or a 30 minute time limit  
**Hans Schmidt** versus **Gino Angelo**  
260—Germany 248—Detroit, Mich.

**SECOND EVENT**  
1 fall or a 20 minute time limit  
**Masked Marvel** versus **Don Lewin**  
222—? 228 lbs.—Buffalo

**ADDED ATTRACTION**  
1 fall or a 15 minute time limit  
**Les Martin** versus **Bull Johnson**  
225—Rock, N.Y. 228—Detroit, Mich.

**MAIN EVENT**  
2 out of 3 falls or a one hour time limit  
**TAG TEAM MATCH**  
Just returned from 3-year world tour  
**DOG GALLAGHER and MIKE GALLAGHER**  
versus  
**Antonine Rocca**  
and  
**Johnny Powers**



**SPECIAL EVENT**  
2 out of 3 falls or a 45 min. time limit  
**MIDGETS IN A TAG TEAM EVENT**  
**Little Beaver** versus **Billy Kid**  
and **Cowboy Bradley** versus **Little Brothers**

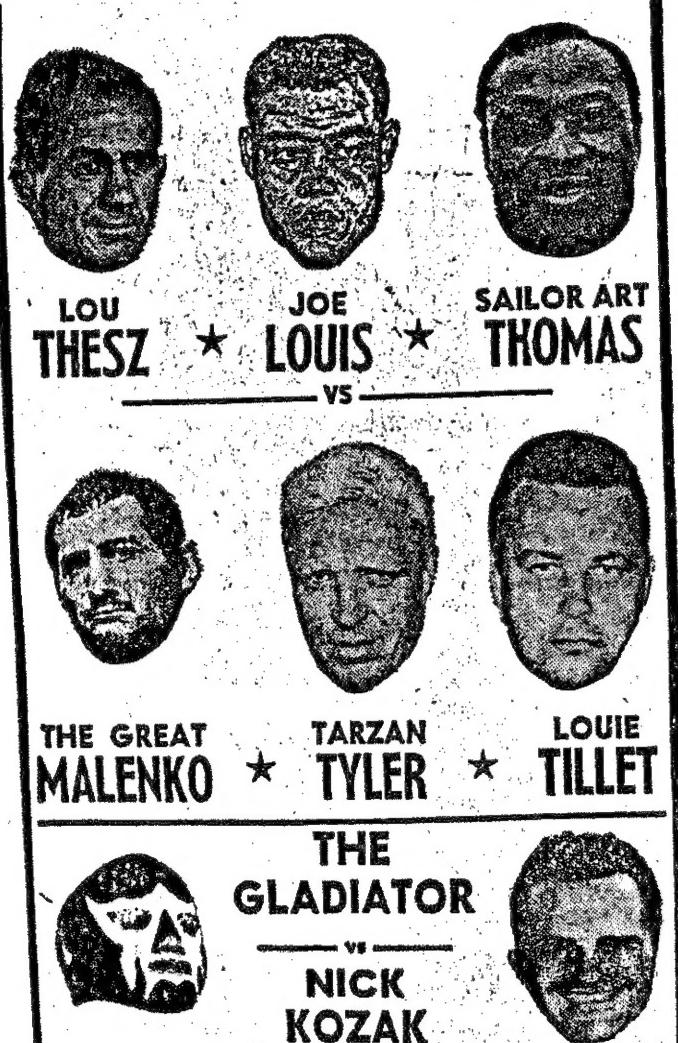
(Above item is from Buffalo, N. Y. ad for card October 25, 1968)

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Former World's heavyweight boxing champ Joe Louis once again became a wrestler.

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(From Tampa, Florida ad for card December 3, 1968)



Bobby Bruns had to close up shop in his Buffalo, N. Y. office after a while but the same grapplers he had used there continued to thrill fans elsewhere, such as in nearby Ohio.

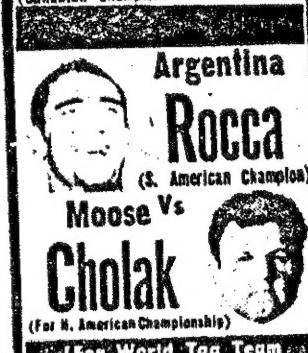
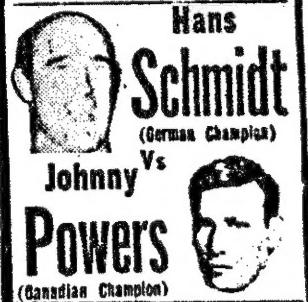
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(From Cleveland, Ohio ad for card December 12, 1968)

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(Australia-Challengers)

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Osborne

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Author Terry R. Justice would like to dedicate this nostalgic look at 1968 to the Gallagher brothers, his favorite team of all time.



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## Dr. X: Record Proves I'm Top Wrestler Now



MYSTERIOUS DR. X



DUTCH SAVAGE

The Mysterious Dr. X may not have too many followers, but when he makes a point, few can generally contest his facts.

Example: A few days ago, he posed this question:

"I've been around here a long time now, and everyone keeps knocking me, but has anyone nailed me for two submission falls in a single bout yet? And that includes the great Verne Gagne. He was strutting around town before the match in the Met Sports Center, telling everyone that it was the end of the line for me. Well, I'm still masked, and Gagne is suddenly hard to locate."

Playing every angle to full advantage, Dr. X stresses that he should be considered king of the roost because no one has unmasked him yet.

"It takes a good man to beat me in just one pinfall, let along two during the same match. I don't plan on taking off this mask ever."

His biggest gripe?

"Everyone knows it's just a matter of time before I wear Gagne's belt. But now I can't get Karbo to sign him against me. I guess he had his fill at the Met Sports Center. And what's all this malarkey about Gagne being too busy? He was available then, and he should be any time."

Dr. X chuckles when anyone mentions the \$10,000 forfeit money he had to post before the March 30 match with Gagne. "Did anyone think I was fool enough NOT to show up? I'm not about to allow 10 grand to slip through my fingers that easily."

Reminded that most of the criticism leveled at him centers on his brutal tactics—which include punishment after his opponent is helpless, Dr. X snarled: "That's the name of the game all over the country. If they can't stand the heat, they can always leave the kitchen."

And how about Dutch Savage, his opponent in the big battle tonight?

(Continued on Page 2)

### After 6 Month 'Delay'

## Hennig-Race Start All Over Again

It took a half a year, but Larry Hennig and Harley Race have teamed up again, and their goal is obvious to everyone—win back the world tag-team championship they lost when Hennig was hurt last October.

Tonight, Hennig and Race form a team for the first time since last fall. They were champs then, but had to relinquish the honors when Hennig went out of action.

This is their first bid in the long climb back, and the opposition isn't exactly a push-over—Cowboy Bill Watts and Big Luke, offering a combined weight of better than 600 pounds.

"These clowns don't worry us," Race said. "We've been up against their type before. When you start all over again, you are at the mercy of the promoter. You have to take any booking he gives you, and it's generally against a couple of clods like this."

Obviously, Hennig and Race are eyeing a bout with Mitsu Arakawa and Mr. Moto, the Japanese pair who currently rule as world tag champions.

"Yeah, that's the top of the stack right now. It might take a few weeks, but we'll get 'em—you can bet on that," Race said with narrowed eyes.

Neither said it, but there's the little matter of disposing of Watts and Luke first, and that's certain to offer some rugged moments.

Watts and Big Luke aren't strangers either. They have teamed up before, and each knows the others' moves and capabilities pretty well now. Not only that, the two offer some awesome, brutal power when in action. "We figure the advantage is ours," Watts said in his Oklahoma style drawl. "Hennig has been out of it for a while, and I don't care how much savvy a guy has, it takes a while to get adjusted again. We don't plan to give them enough time to work out anything," the Cowboy concluded.

How does Big Luke analyze it all?

"I don't like either one of them, and I'll put 'em away as fast as possible, using any means. I'd like to crush their heads together like egg shells," he said with a smirk.

## Here's How Savage vs. X Bout Started

Tonight's big battle between Dr. X and Dutch Savage was almost inevitable, but there was a definite reason why promoter Wally Karbo signed this natural.

During a recent televised bout at WTCN-TV, Hard Boiled Haggerty offered to break Dr. X's leg lock in an effort to pocket some quick cash.

Just as Dr. X had Haggerty's legs in the vice, Mad Dog Vachone entered the ring and joined Dr. X in a clobbering spree with H.B. as the victim.

It didn't take long before Savage leaped into the ring and decked both Vachone and Dr. X.

That was the incident which triggered the big battle tonight between Dr. X and Savage.

Among other things, it also served to cement the fans' admiration for Savage. In recent weeks, Dutch has amazed some with his attitude.

Most noteworthy was a bout a few weeks ago when Savage teamed with Larry Hennig. He quit his own partner when he detected Hennig trying to conceal a foreign object in his knee guard.

"I don't go that route, and no one wrestling as my partner is going to pull that either. There are rules to be followed, and I plan to stick to 'em," Dutch concluded.

Hennig was furious after Dutch's decision, and immediately branded Savage as a "character." Hennig said he's never experienced anything like it, and indicated that he may have a chance to "return the favor" in a bout against Savage. "It's pretty obvious Savage isn't my kind," Hennig snorted.

### NEW STARTING TIME PREVAILS TONIGHT ONLY

The 7 p.m. starting time for tonight's bouts in the Minneapolis auditorium is a special time for these matches only.

The regular 9 p.m. starting time will be back in effect after these Sunday bouts.

Wrestling fans are also reminded that Daylight Savings Time starts the last weekend in April, and during matches in the summer, it won't begin to get dark until that time.

And still another summer reminder: The auditorium is completely air-conditioned, so don't worry about the summer heat.



HENNIG

# Gagne Analyzes Role of Champ

The list of contenders still trying to sign for a match with world champion Verne Gagne hasn't diminished any lately.

In fact, it seems to grow more every day.

Local fans know that all the top men in this area are demanding a bout with the champ—but it goes far beyond that.

"Gagne is in demand all over the country. Trying to sign him for a Minneapolis bout is tough," promoter Wally Karbo pointed out.

It's the same old story, but true: When you are on top, everyone wants a crack at the fame and fortune that goes with the title belt.

How are contenders selected in other large cities to go against Gagne?

"I generally leave it up to the local promoter to send his best man against me, but I do some screening myself," Gagne said. "After all, it would be a waste of everyone's time if I went against some green kid who really didn't belong in a title bout."

### Kappel-Sharkey Battle Could be Title Preliminary

The opening match tonight which sends Austria's Bob Kappel against Eddie Sharkey might just be a stepping stone to a junior heavyweight match in the near future.

Junior heavy champ is Danny Hodge, and he doesn't lose many—but opponents are always needed.

Both Kappel and Sharkey are gunning for a match with Hodge, and promoter Wally Karbo said there's a better than average chance that the winner tonight will get that bout.

### Johnny War Eagle Headed for This Area

Before too many weeks go by, a full-blooded Iroquois Indian will be on the local wrestling scene, and early reports indicate he's quite a scrapper.

His name is Johnny War Eagle, a 221-pounder who stands just 5-9. He's presently making his home in Canada, and reports are encouraging.

"They tell me he could be a real contender with all the top men we have here," said matchmaker Bill Kuusisto.

Gagne pointed out that promoters all over the country do an excellent job of selecting only the top men.

"You bet it's a tough grind," the champ said.

"Often I know nothing about the man I'm going against—and he's generally the local favorite. Not only that, the challenger quite often comes into a title match against me well rested and very familiar with my style."

Has Gagne experienced any difficulty recently with his controversial sleeper hold?

"The veterans who have been around for a while cause most of the trouble. They scream that it's a choke hold, and sometimes the going gets a little rough. I know it's legal, and the ring referee must agree, because he's never instructed me to break it—at least not recently."

Asked about the local scene, Gagne emphatically stressed that he would love to take the mask off Dr. X, but says the circumstances leading up to it are often worse than the proverbial government "red-tape."

"Dr. X covers his trail pretty well. He's no dummy either, although I deplore his so-called wrestling style. I know now that one of his best weapons is to get his opponent steaming mad. This usually results in a disqualification in his favor—and eliminate the possibility of taking off that mask, because the pin fall is lost when you are disqualified. Yeah, he'll even see to it that he's disqualified if the situation is bad enough. This also saves his neck."

"I think the only way he'll get unmasked is to toss out that stupid rule about two submission falls—and eliminate the disqualification angle. Maybe a battle to the finish would turn the trick."

Any comments about Mad Dog Vachone's desire to have a title bout?

"Vachone is the greatest noise maker in the sport. I'll admit the guy is tough in that ring, but I don't think he should receive any special recognition for a title bout any more than the other top men. He insists I 'stole' the belt from him. I think the fans realize that isn't true."

Gagne continued with: "I hope Dr. X and Vachone don't feel they have the Minneapolis situation all to themselves. I'll take on either of them any time. Wally Karbo will work out the details. Then we'll see who starts running."



BIG LUKE READY  
FOR TAG BATTLE

### Savage Has Own Formula for the Mask

Mighty Dutch Savage doesn't claim to be the most intellectual man in pro wrestling, but he's sure he has worked out the winning formula to make certain Dr. X's mask comes off after tonight's big windup battle.

It takes two of three submission falls to unmask the man of mystery, and no one has been able to accomplish this feat yet, including Verne Gagne.

"I can't give you my entire battle plan, because it would be senseless to tip off my opponent, but I think one thing a man has to be certain of when he meets this Dr. X in a match of this nature is to keep your temper. Disqualifications don't really accomplish anything, because as far as I'm concerned, beating him isn't quite enough. I want that mask off him as much as the fans do."

Asked about Dr. X's wide-open, pier-six style of brawling, Savage shrugged his shoulders and added: "I guess you have to expect this. It isn't my style of wrestling, but there's always retaliation you know. Just so a man doesn't go berserk and defeat his own purpose."

Fans agree that Savage is about as tough an opponent as Dr. X could expect. Dutch has won the admiration of local fans in his few weeks on the scene with his rugged style, and there are those who will take a wager right now that the long masked identity of Dr. X will be known tonight.

### Dr. X ...

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"Savage is spending so much time trying to be a nice guy, I think he forgot how to wrestle. And don't fill me up with statistics on how big this guy is. There's no one bigger and more brutal than Dr. X."

Fans are reminded that the Savage-Dr. X windup match is two of three falls, and the mask comes off if Dr. X drops a pair.

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MINNEAPOLIS AUDITORIUM  
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1968

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## MAIN EVENT FEATURE

Dutch Savage	Mysterious Dr. X.
(275) Honolulu	—VS.—
Two of Three Falls, One Hour	

## SPECIAL MAIN EVENT

Larry Hennig	Cowboy Bill Watts
(275) Robbinsdale	Oklahoma City (295)
—and—	—VS.—
Harley Race	Big Luke
(225) California	Hazard, Ky. (345)
Two of Three Falls, One Hour	

## MAIN EVENT OPENER

Mad Dog Vachone	Mighty Igor
(230) Algeria	Nice, France (235)
—VS.—	
One Fall	

## SPECIAL MATCH

The Big 'K'	Rene Goulet
(276) Minneapolis	Nice, France (235)
—VS.—	
One Fall	

## THE OPENING BOUT

Bob Kappel	Eddie Sharkey
(223) Austria	Santa Monica, Calif. (218)
—VS.—	
One Fall	

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## Hennig Saving 'Last Laugh' for the Champ

It fits Larry Hennig's style to have the last laugh.

Not too many weeks or months ago, there were those who openly admitted that Hennig probably wouldn't return to pro wrestling after suffering a near crippling knee injury in a Winnipeg battle with Verne Gagne.

Hennig even admits it was a long, tough road back.

"Yeah, there were times when I was mighty discouraged. I never once thought anything but returning to the ring, and I'm sure this helped my cause. Every time I closed my eyes, I could see the smirking face of Verne Gagne, and after that, I KNEW the day would come when I would have a chance to settle the score."

The injury took place in October, and Hennig didn't get back into action until the March 30 matches at Met Sports Center.

"You bet it felt good to climb through those ropes again. If for no other reason, I could laugh at the 'experts' who said I was washed up — and that includes Gagne."

His plans for the immediate future?

"Harley and I are going after that tag-team title, you can be sure of that. In the meantime, I want bouts — against anyone. The day isn't too far off when I'll face Gagne in that ring again, and when it happens, pro wrestling will see a new era."

## Big 'K' Brings Back Impressive String of Wins

The appearance of Big K on the local scene doesn't exactly start a mob rush of autograph seekers, but it proves his point that he's been knocking 'em over at various major cities in the central portion of the country.

Big K told a group here a few months ago that if he couldn't get any satisfaction out of promoter Wally Karbo in seeking title bouts, he would hit the trail and come back with an even more impressive record.

That's exactly what he's done. The Minneapolis native has compiled quite a record in such towns as St. Louis, Indianapolis, Chicago and Omaha.

"This guy is always dangerous," commented matchmaker Bill Kuusisto. "Rene Goulet will have his hands full tonight."



THE MIGHTY IGOR



MAD DOG VACHONE

## Vachone-Igor Winner Tonight Eyes Title Shot

There's no official word yet, but it's a pretty good guess that the winner of tonight's match between Mad Dog Vachone and Mighty Igor will be in line for a title battle with champ Verne Gagne.

One thing is certain: Both feel they deserve the shot, and will stop at nothing to make the hurdle tonight that could well assure the winner of that position.

Vachone, of course, still insists he didn't actually lose to Gagne at a time when he (Vachone) wore the champion's belt.

"It was a conspiracy with Gagne and Karbo," Vachone shouts through clenched teeth and with bulging eyes.

Igor, probably one of the most popular grapplers with the fans, has strength that sometimes even amazes him. It's an old story now that you can break a concrete block over his head, and he could probably win a tug-of-war with a team of horses.

He still has trouble mastering the English language, but like most people in this category, he gets his point across.

Wally Karbo, who speaks Igor's native Polish, summed it up this way recently: "Igor feels he's the best wrestler in the world. He wonders why he can't go against the champion to prove his point. I told him that day may not be too far away."

## Haggerty Returns to California to Keep Eye on Business Interests

Using his usual smooth delivery, Hard Boiled Haggerty asked SPORTS FACTS to relay this message to fans here: "Tell these intelligent people I'll miss 'em."

Haggerty made plans to head back to Hollywood, Calif., this week to fulfill movie and television contracts, and it's not known right now just how much he'll be available in Minneapolis.

"Oh, I think I got the short end of things in my match with Verne Gagne — and Dr. X also for that matter, but these things have a way of leveling off. I expect I'll have a chance to get either or both of these guys before too long. I'm not going to retire, you know."

Haggerty said it is extremely difficult for him to get away from Hollywood for any length of time. "I have so many things going for me, I just have to keep track of loose ends out there," he added.

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# Wrestling

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## PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

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KINISKI VS. SCHMIDT  
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Saturday, April 6

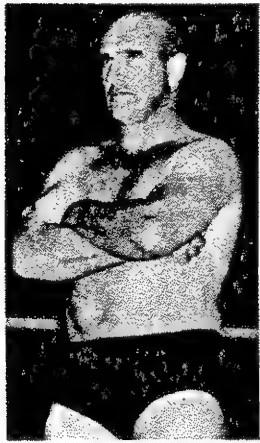
At Auditorium

Bobby Bruns makes his promotional debut with the presentation of the 18th annual Parade of Champions Saturday night, April 6, at the Memorial Auditorium.

Six matches pitting wrestlers acknowledged by wrestling experts as the greatest in the world will be on the program.

Setting off the fireworks in this big extravaganza will be Gene Kiniski, (recognized by the National Wrestling Alliance as the champion) who had the honor of attracting more people to the Buffalo Memorial Auditorium than any other wrestler ever to perform here. In 12 straight

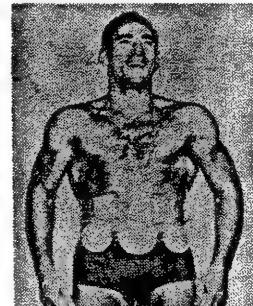
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HANS SCHMIDT



JOHNNY POWERS



ARGENTINA ROCCA



CRUSHER LISOWSKI

## THE PROGRAM

### Memorial Auditorium

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 1968  
8:30 P.M.

### Parade of Champions

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275, Edmonton, Canada

vs.

#### HANS SCHMIDT

258, Germany

One fall—no time limit

#### CRUSHER LISOWSKI

259, Milwaukee, Wisc.

vs.

#### JOHNNY POWERS

261, Hamilton, Canada

#### ARGENTINA ROCCA

228, Argentina

vs.

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MR. X  
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Plus



### STORY OF BOBBY BRUNS: WRESTLING'S GREATEST PROMOTER



Bobby Bruns studied law at Northwestern University but never got around to practice his profession, because wrestling still was in his blood. Bobby Bruns was especially agile and in a very short time became one of the world's finest wrestlers, meeting and defeating champions from countries all over the world.

The transition from a successful wrestler to a successful promoter came naturally for Bobby Bruns.

The last 20 years as a wrestling promoter have been nothing short of sensational in terms of match-making and enormous gate attendances. These were accomplished only because of his great promotional abilities.

The best wrestlers in the world are easily attainable by Bobby Bruns because his name is synonymous with big purses. Wrestling's biggest names know that any Bobby Bruns promotion draws big money gates and that means more money in their pocketbook.

Under the promotional guidance of Bobby Bruns, locations such as St. Louis, and all of Japan have been sellouts and thrilling matches for the fans. St. Louis has been attracting 12,000 fans regularly, paying about \$30,000 per show to watch the matches under the promotional ability of Bobby Bruns.

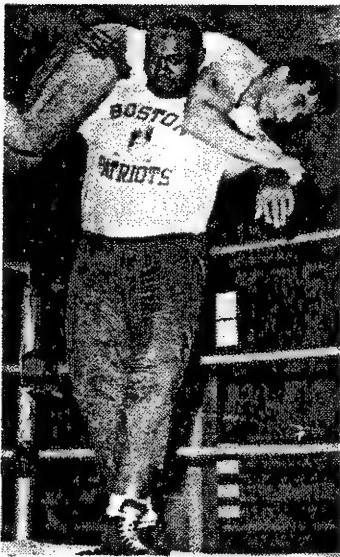
This Parade of Champions opening show is the match-making genius of Bobby Bruns. He has brought together all the wrestling champions recognized by the wrestling world for this opening card on Saturday, April 6th at the Memorial Auditorium.

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Bobby Bruns' career is filled with exciting stories, many of them relating to combat in the Navy while a Lieutenant Commander at Midway.

# KINISKI OPPOSES SCHMIDT IN PARADE OF CHAMPIONS



**Jim Nance** FB 24 6'1" 235 Syracuse "The Player Of The Year" and "Most Valuable Player" in the AFL last year . . . he made it in all the major polls . . . the most powerful force to ever hit the league is "Big Bo" . . . Among those saluting the Pats' great fullback as "the very best" were AP, UPI, Sporting News, New York Football Writers, Long Island Athletic Club, his own teammates, the Pats' Boosters Club, the players of the AFL and the Washington Touchdown Club (first AFL player ever so honored) . . . Missed '67 All-Star Game to serve six months military duty . . . nine year NFL veteran lineman Ed Khayat, who was with the Pats last year before retiring, calls Jim "the best fullback in the world" . . . Coach Holovak says, "there's no telling how good he can be . . . he could be the greatest . . . he's as strong a man as I've ever seen and he's fast" . . . caught four passes in Pats' 1966 opening game . . . not just a five yard a carry blaster, Big Bo had 54, 57 and 65 yard runs . . . won't eat from 16 hours before a game . . . wants to hear his stomach growling and feel mean . . . gained over 100 yards in eight different games last season . . . also an outstanding and punishing blocker and a good pass receiver . . . hopes to improve his outside running . . . after a slow start, "Big Bo" had an impressive finish as rookie fullback in '65 . . . was high draft choice of Chicago Bears . . . Syracuse coaches rated Jim with Jimmy Brown and Ernie Davis . . . tied Boston record by scoring five times on the ground in rookie season and set new one with eleven ground scores in '66 . . . gives Babe a whole new lease on life . . . was

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GENE KINISKI

## INFORMATION

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matches several years ago, the glamorous but rugged Kiniski was oh'd and ah'd by a total of 120,000 fans.

The talented Kiniski, the people's choice, will meet Hans Schmidt, the German born madman who makes a habit of losing friends each time he enters the ring.

Argentina Rocca, who boasts a talent no other wrestler ever approached because of his uncanny use of his legs, meets one of the game's top unorthodox performers in The Mongol. Rocca is a complete wrestler, whose name is biggest in the New York City area where 20,000 crowds are the rule rather than the exception.

When the experts said this card was overflowing with wrestling champions they were never more right.

Next on the program comes Crusher Lisowski, the 258-pound Milwaukeean who carries around with him the tag of North American wrestling champion.

He is a brawling type grappler who seldom gives you an opening. This is where young, handsome and aggressive Johnny Powers, the Hamilton, Ont., good guy will have his problems.

## MORE CHAMPIONS

You'll thrill to the sight of Eduardo Carpentier, the French professional mat champion, and twice Olympic champion in 1948 and 1952.

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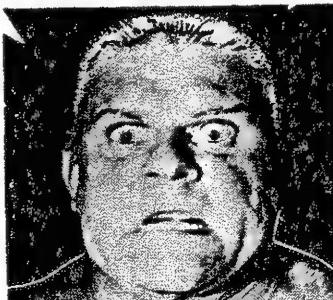
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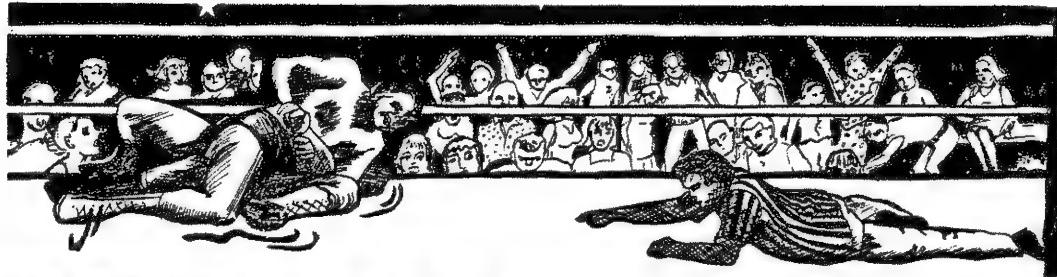
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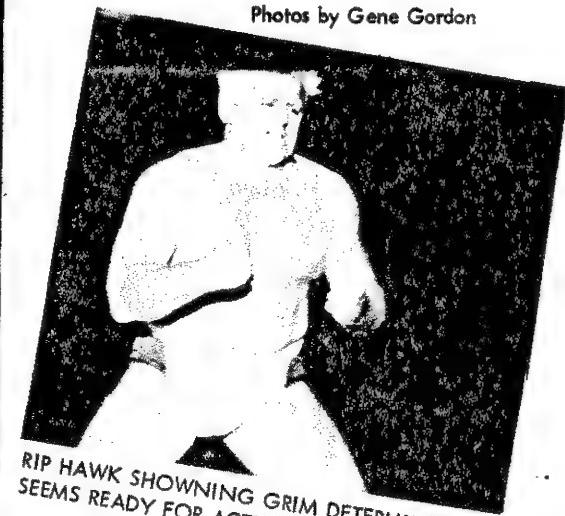




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REFEREE MARTINELLI RAISES THE HANDS OF GEORGE BECKER AND JOHNNY WEAVER AFTER A VICTORY.



RIP HAWK SHOWING GRIM DETERMINATION  
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MANAGER GEORGE HARRIS RAISING THE HANDS  
OF HIS BOYS, ALDO BOGNI AND BRONCO LUB-  
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# THE CARD

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MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1968

## Charlotte's Park Center

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### MAIN-EVENT ATLANTIC COAST TAG TEAM TITLE MATCH

SAILOR ART THOMAS and AMAZING ZUMA (challengers)	VS	SWEDE HANSON and RIP HAWK (champions)
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### SEMI-FINAL SOUTHERN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

JOHNNY WEAVER (champion)	VS	HIRO MATSUDA (challenger)
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### SPECIAL-EVENT

GEORGE BECKER	VS	LEON BAXTER
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### SECOND-EVENT

LES WOLFF	VS	MISSOURI MAULER
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### FIRST-EVENT

SAM STEAMBOAT	VS	ROBERT BURNS
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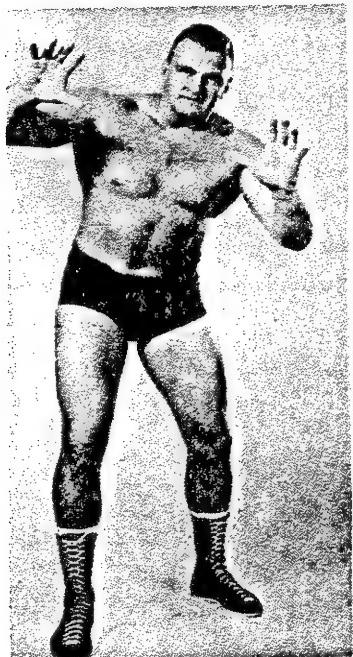
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LES WOLFF

## THOMAS, ZUMA GO FOR ATLANTIC COAST TAG TEAM TITLE

by Gene Gordon

Popular ART THOMAS and buddy, AMAZING ZUMA get their chance at winning the Atlantic Coast Tag Team Title when they meet the blond bombers, RIP HAWK and SWEDE HANSON in a return bout tonight. I missed last week's action, but from what I heard it must have been a real battle. Sailor Art says, he will demolish both Hawk and Hanson alone if he has to. The big man with the powerful muscles was very irked at Hawk for the brutal way he used the "deadly pile driver" on his pal last week. "Zuma lay in the dressing room on a rubbing table for some time trying to get his tense nerve muscles relaxed," says Sailor Art. "He finally made it to the shower, but his neck was so stiff and sore he could hardly move it." Tonight, both ZUMA and the SAILOR MAN are out for blood. "I don't trust either one of them," says Thomas. "You have to watch them every minute for fear they might try a sneaky attack."

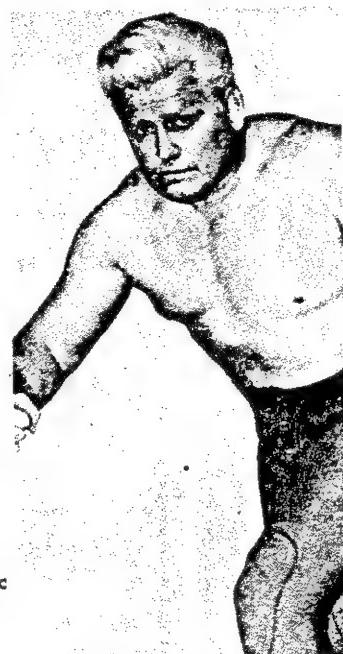
Thomas plans to soften them up with his "Head Butt" which he calls "The Big Hurt" and then put the pressure on with his "Bear hug."

## WOLFF VS. MAULER

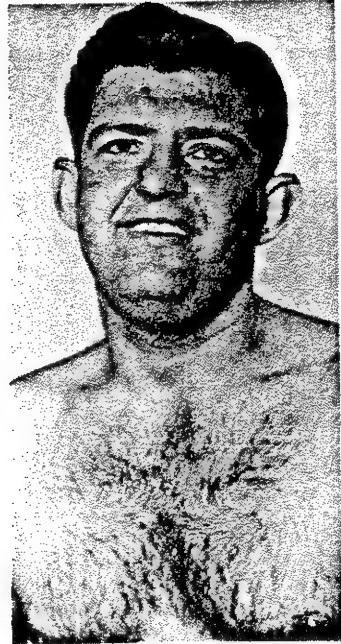
LES WOLFF, a newcomer to Charlotte will tangle with THE MISSOURI MAULER. Wolff has quite a background and has had excellent training for his professional wrestling career. Against the Mauler, he will be meeting one of the toughest foes he has faced so far. Wolff hails from St. Cloud, Minn. The husky 250 pounder was a football star in College and a College Wrestling Champion. He met the best, including Oklahoma State, which has produced more College Champions than any others. In 1964 he won the Midwest Title in Greco Roman and Freestyle and also, qualified for the Olympic trials that same year. In a later issue I will give you more information on this spectacular young mat star.



AMAZING ZUMA



RIP HAWK



JOHNNY WEAVER

## WEAVER & MATSUDA CLASH FOR SOUTHERN TITLE

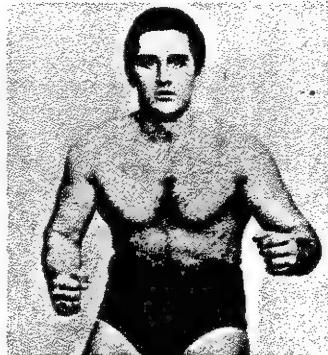
JOHNNY WEAVER, a long time favorite will risk his Southern Heavy-weight singles Title against HIRO MATSUDA. This shapes up as being a most interesting match. Matsuda, one of the most outstanding Oriental ACE WRESTLERS Promoter Jim Crockett has ever booked here will be a real test for the popular Champion. Not since the great Mr. Moto was in his prime, have we seen an Oriental grabbler with such great ability as Matsuda. He is a former Worlds Junior Heavy-weight Champion and would like very much to hold the Southern Title. He will have to be at his best to beat Weaver though, who rates with the best scientific stars around, but can wrestler rough if forced to. Look forward to seeing a great battle, no matter who wins.



HIRO MATSUDA

## BECKER MEETS LEON BAXTER IN SPECIAL BOUT

Ever popular GEORGE BECKER faces one party of "THE GAUCHOS" on tonight's attractive card, meeting LEON BAXTER. Baxter is a fiery wrestler who uses all of the tricks and would like to win at all cost.



GEORGE BECKER

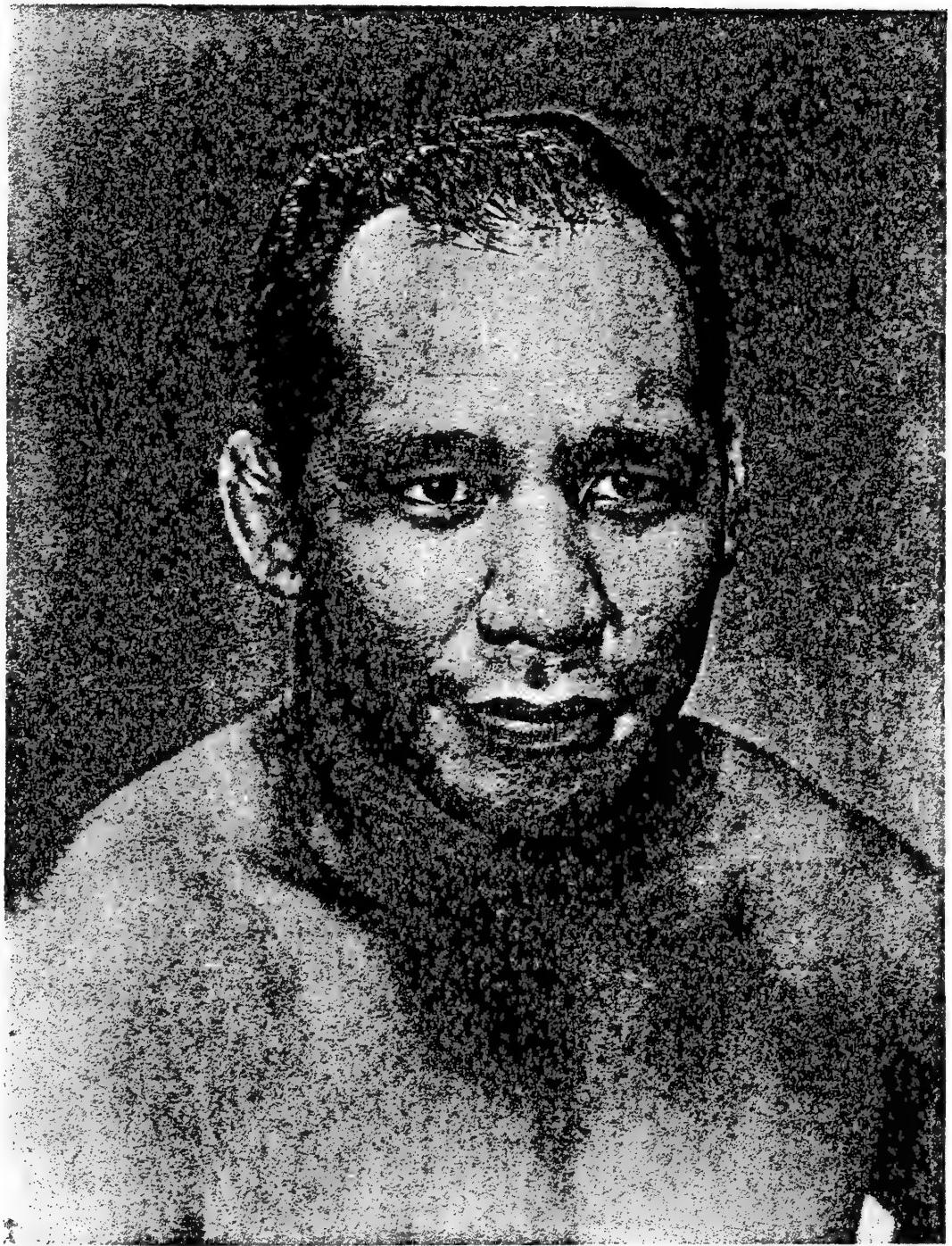
## STEAMBOAT, HAWAIIAN CHAMPION vs. BURNS

Hats off to Promoter Crockett. Tonight he is bringing back another top name. Most of you are familiar with SAM STEAMBOAT. This popular Hawaiian star has appeared here several times in the past and has been seen on Championship Wrestling from Tampa, Florida. Let's give him a hearty welcome. He's a terrific wrestler who has a million followers all over the country. He meets a newcomer, ROBERT BURNS in tonight's opening prelim.

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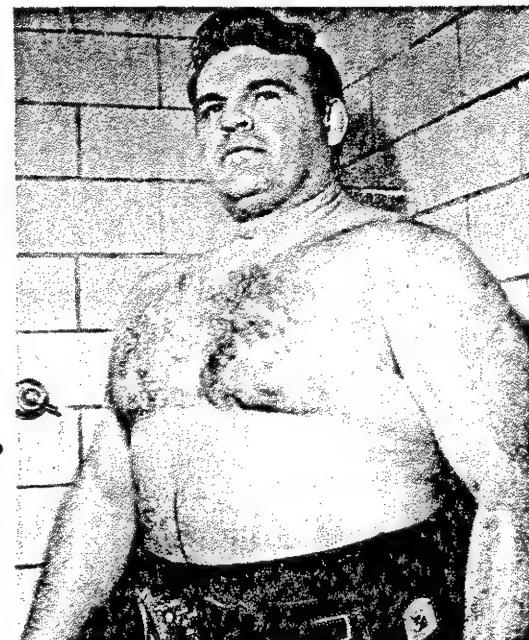
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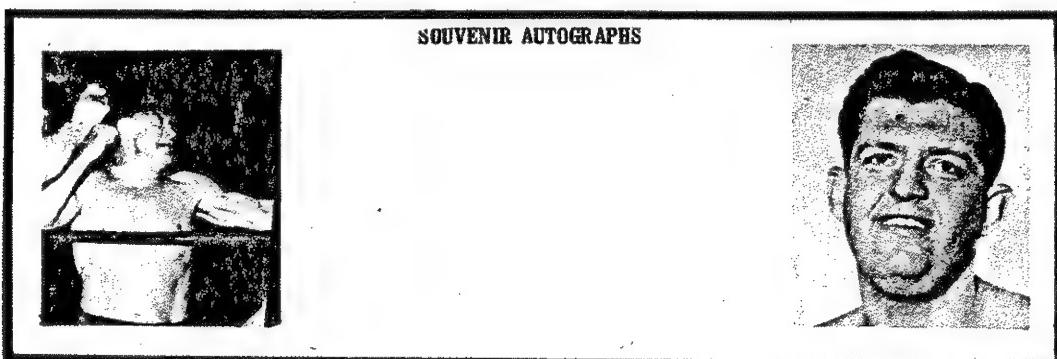
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## 4 Events

## Listed on Mat Card

Two one-fall events have been arranged to round out the pro wrestling card scheduled for the Washington Avenue Armory tomorrow night at 8:30.

One of the preliminary 30-minute limit clashes will send Woodie Johnson against Mule Malone, while the other will bring together Bobby Hayden and George Edwards. The four grapplers have been appearing in Western mat shows.

The feature engagement will find the veteran Argentina Rocca meeting The Beast of Sicily in a two-out-of-three fall affair. Both have been on Capital District cards frequently.

The co-feature event will be a two-out-of-three fall midget tag team match. One team will comprise Sky Low Low and Fuzzy Cupid while the other will be made up of Little Beaver and the Jamaica Kid. The Midgets range in weight from 83 to 95 pounds.

# WRESTLING

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vs.

GENE DUBOIS

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THE ASSASSIN

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# Tony Borne, Mayne Take Mat Crown

Lonnie Mayne and Tony Borne upset Pepper Gomez and Pedro Morales and captured the world heavyweight team title at the Armory Monday night.

The championship brawl was decided when the challenging Mayne and Borne blended their talents to win two falls after losing the first to the defending champions.

Gomez earned the first fall for his side when he pinned Mayne, but the Blond Bomber returned and flattened Morales, bruising him in the process.

Forced by the injury to his partner to carry the load, Gomez successfully resisted the rushes of Mayne and Borne for some time but was finally subdued when Tony leaped on him from the top rope, then rolled him over for an easy pin.

In supporting action, Luigi Macera and Tom Andrews grappled to a no-fall draw. Beauregarde took one fall from Cowboy Kirk, the Crusher gave similar treatment to Sandy Barr and John Kostas pinned Kay Fabian.

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**WRESTLING**

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LAST WRESTLING SHOW HERE!  
New Faces—Great Wrestlers!  
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**SAMMARTINO** vs. **TANAKA**  
**BILL RAMOS** vs. **A. PUGLIESE**  
**E. CARPENTIER** vs. **H. MORTIER**  
**VIC RIVERA** vs. **Luke GRAHAM**  
**Mike PEREZ** vs. **GIL GORDON**  
Many More New Great Wrestlers!  
Watch Ch. 47 Sat., 7:00 P.M.  
Prices: \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, tax incl.

MADISON SQ. GARDEN

**WRESTLING**  
STOCKYARDS COLISEUM  
Fri. Jan. 26.—8:00 P.M.



Dandy Jack  
Mrs. Jack Donovan; Dandy Jack & Ron Reed  
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Miss Barbara Galante; Jack Brisco & Scandor Akbar

Special Event  
Eddie Sullivan vs Prof. Ito

Semi Final  
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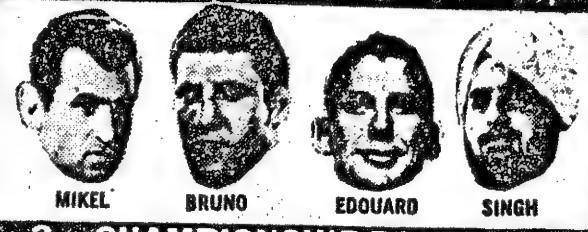
NOTE: As it says in the ad, this was the very last mat show held in the old Madison Square Garden.

But action would soon resume in the new MSG!

NOTE: Even back then, Toronto fans had to put up with scheduled stars not showing up. Some things NEVER change.

Right:  
Hamilton, Ontario,  
Canada  
2/4/68

**Wrestling** SUN. 7:30 p.m.



MIKEL BRUNO EDOUARD SINGH

**2 CHAMPIONSHIP BOUTS — 2**

**BRUNO SAMMARTINO**  
W.W.W.F. Champion  
vs.  
**BARON MIKEL SCICLUNA**  
Maltese Challenger

**TEAM MATCH**

**WHIPPER WATSON &**  
**DEWEY ROBERTSON**  
vs. team of  
**DAN MILLER & THE ASSASSIN**

**TIGER JEET SINGH**  
U.S. Champion  
vs.  
**EDOUARD CARPENTIER**  
Challenger

**PROFESSOR TURO TANAKA**  
vs.  
**PAT FLANAGAN**

**CHIEF WHITE OWL** vs. **GIRRARD DUGAS**  
**GINO BRITO** vs. **LARRY MOQUIN**  
exhibition of strength & science

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## WRESTLING

Main Bout  
Whipper Billy Watson, 237, def. Baron Mikel Scicluna, 245, with a reverse shoulder stand at 10:44 of a one-fall no-time-limit match.

Semi-final  
Chief White Owl, 235, def. Gerard Dugas, 230, at 22:03 with a bow and arrow hold.

Pat Flanagan, 238, def. Sylvain Richard, 225, with a top press at 11:42 of a scheduled 30-minute bout.

Gino Brito, 230, def. Pedro Sanchez, 230, at 21:58 with an airplane spin and top spread.

Two above: Both Toronto, Ont., Canada  
1/28/68

## WOMEN WRESTLERS SUNDAY - 7:30



**BETTE BOUCHER**  
Boston, Mass. 120 pounds

**JOYCE GRABLE**  
Houston, Texas 118 pounds  
(Judo and Self-defence)

**TAG TEAM MAIN EVENT**  
WHIPPER WATSON &  
DEWEY ROBERTSON  
vs.  
THE ASSASSIN &  
DAN MILLER

**UNITED STATES TITLE**

**TIGER JEET SINGH**  
Champion  
vs.  
**THE MIGHTY URSUS**  
325 pound Mexican Challenger

**CHIEF WHITE OWL**  
vs.  
**SYLVAIN RICHARD**

Exhibition of Strength & Science

**The FORUM**

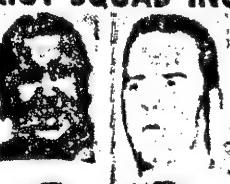
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Honolulu, Hawaii

# WRESTLING

Monday, Feb. 5, 1968

8:00 P.M.

## MAIN EVENT

FOR WORLD'S  
HEAVYWEIGHT

TITLE

GENE

KINISKI

(Champion)

VS.

BILLY

"RED" LYONS

(Challenger)  
Fritz will second "Red" Lyons

SEMI-FINAL

TAG TEAM MATCH

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AND

SPOILER NO. 2

VS.

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# WRESTLING

FRI. Feb. 9th

8:30 P.M.

STATE FAIRGROUNDS • STRAWBERRY HILL

SPECIAL BOUT ...

**GENE KINISKI vs. RUDY KAY**

6 MAN TAG TEAM BOUT

GEORGE BECKER

JOHNNY WEAVER

NELSON ROYAL

**THE INFERNOs  
and J. C. DYKES**

(J. C. DYKES WILL WRESTLE)

**THE MISSOURI MAULER and  
HIRO MATSUDA**

vs.  
**HAYSTACK CALHOUN and  
THE AMAZING ZUMA**

"Bull Dog" Lee Henning vs. Paul Jones  
Tickets on sale: Specialty Shop, 716 E. Broad St. Prices: Ringside,  
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vs.

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THE AMAZING ZUMA

vs.

JOHNNY HEIDMAN

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Watch Championship Wrestling WRAL-TV every Saturday at 5 p.m.

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Texas

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Indiana

# CHAMPIONSHIP

# WRESTLING

Sat., Feb. 3, 8:30

**Fairgrounds  
COLISEUM**



## DOUBLE MAIN EVENT

**BLACK JACK LANZA**

World's Heavyweight Champ

vs. **WILBUR SNYDER**

(Rematch)

**YUKON CHOLAK** vs.  
**MITSU ARAKAWA**

Midget Tag Match

**BOB BOYER** vs.

**ZEBRA KID**

**PRINCE PULLINS**

vs. **BAD BART**

**JOHNNY KACE** vs.  
**SANDY ACOSTA**

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# WRESTLING

**TICKET SALE AT NEW GARDEN STARTS FEB. 12 - 4 PENN PLAZA (OFF 7TH AVE.)**

**MONDAY, FEB. 19**

Bruno  
**SAMMARTINO vs RAMOS**  
The KENTUCKY BUTCHER  
vs E. CARPENTER  
Vic RIVERA vs Hans MORTIER  
Prof. TANAKA vs A. DENUCCI  
Mr. Universe MAYNARD  
vs L. GRAHAM  
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**THE NEW MADISON SQ. GARDEN**  
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## First Mat Card Has Familiar Look

Everything finally was right at the new Garden last night. There was nobody picketing; the scoreboards weren't needed; the ceiling wasn't leaking (it didn't rain); and Bruno Sammartino won his match on the first mat card, before 12,989.

Sammartino, billed as the "Abruzzi strongboy," defeated Bull Ramos, billed as an Apache Indian, with a hold billed as a "backbreaker" after 12 minutes and 43 seconds. Sammartino, who had never lost in all his exhibitions in the old Garden, thus retained his world championship, symbolic of his international popularity, before a crowd of 12,989.

In a midget tag team match Little Beaver of Quebec and Little Jackie of Dublin, defeated Sky Lowlow of Montreal and Little Brutus of Italy.

In preliminary exhibitions, Virgil Butcher beat Edouard Carpentier; Victor Rivera defeated Hans Mortier; Professor Tanaka drew with Don Denucci; Miguel Perez topped Gil Gordon; and the Sheik of Syria beat Lou Cerdan.

**NOTE:** Virgil Butcher on the above card later became better known as Big John Quinn.

**NOTE:** Mighty Ursus on the card in Toronto was known in other areas as Jess (Bull) Ortega. He has since passed away.

# WRESTLING

**DORTON ARENA**  
Tonite State Fairgrounds 8:15 P.M.

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**6 MAN TAG TEAM MATCH!**

**NELSON LUTHER ABE ROYAL LINDSEY JACOBS**

VERSUS

**J. C. DYKES & THE INFERNO'S**

*Special Referee in this Bout*

**GEORGE BECKER**

Ronny & Terry

**GARVIN**

VERSUS

Alex Medina &  
Bob Nandor

JESSE JAMES  
vs.

JOHNNY MEIDMAN

BULLDOG HENNING  
vs.  
BOB TAYLOR

Watch Championship Wrestling WRAL-TV Every Sat. at 5 P.M.

Above: Raleigh, N. C. 2/20/68

Left: New York City, New York  
(for both ad and results)

Below: Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
2/26/68

## Raschke, Koloff

### In Main Event

### At Sauvé Arena

There's real international flavor in the feature bout of Monday's weekly wrestling card at the Paul Sauvé Arena. Baron Fritz Von Raschke, the transplanted German at 260 pounds will oppose Yvan Koloff, 275-pound Russian grappler, in the best-of-three falls bout.

Tony Altamore and Lou Albano, the colorful Sicilians, will be reunited again the tag-match semi-final when they take on the Montreal pair of Jacques Roureau and Eddie Auger. This will be a one-fall event with four other bouts completing the show.

Veteran Larry Moquin will match his speed against that of Terry York from Hamilton. Another Hamiltonian, Bill Terry will face Scotsman Mat Gillmore. An all-Montreal affair will bring together Gerard Dugas and Cowboy Jones in the other single event.

Pat Lawrence of Quebec will team up with Butch Morgan of Montreal in a tag-match opener against local wrestlers Lionel Robert and Tony Raski.

# WRESTLING

**THURSDAY, 8:30 P. M.**  
Memorial Hall, K. C., K.

**MAIN EVENT**

**WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**

CHAMPION 277 LBS. CHALLENGER 352 LBS.

GENE KINISKI vs. BILL KLONDIKE

Adm. \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.00

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**HEART OF AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**

STEVE BOLUS vs. KIRBY ROSSATANI vs. VALDEZ

MYERS vs. CASTRO

THE RIPPER and THE MOOSE

vs. 365 lb. MAN MOUNTAIN MIKE & PAT O'CONNOR

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Above:  
Kansas City,  
Kansas  
2/22/68

Below: Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
2/25/68

**Wrestling SUN. 7:30 p.m.**

WATSON  
**WHIPPER BILLY WATSON**

TANAKA  
**PROFESSOR TURO TANAKA**

EDOUARD  
**EDOUARD CARPENTIER**

SINGH  
**U.S. TITLE  
TIGER JEET SINGH Champion**

**TAG TEAM MATCH**

DAN MILLER & THE ASSASSIN vs. CHIEF WHITE OWL & THE MIGHTY URSUS

OKLAHOMA KID vs. BIG MIKE LOREN

IVAN KALMIKOFF vs. FRANKIE LANE

JOE 'KILLER' CHRISTIE vs. PAT FLANAGAN

SYLVAIN RICHARD vs. DON EVANS

EXHIBITION OF STRENGTH AND SCIENCE

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## WRESTLING

Fri. Night, Mar. 8, 8:30 P.M.  
SPORTS ARENA  
So. Tag Team Championship



**TORRES BROS.**  
vs.  
**EL MONGOL**  
and  
**TARZAN TYLER**

HANS SCHMIDT  
vs.  
MARIO  
GALENTO

PLUS AN ALL-STAR CARD  
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**SPORTS ARENA**  
Chester Ave. of Memorial Dr.

### Torres Brothers Win Tag Title

The Torres Brothers won the Southern Tag Team Championship in the main event at the Sports arena Friday night, defeating Tarzan Tyler and El Mongol.

In other events, Louie Tillet and Mr. Wrestling defeated the Gauchos; Big Jim Wilson defeated Jack Vanskey and Barbara Owens won over Toni Rose. The Hans Schmidt-Mario Galento match was declared no contest when both wrestlers were counted out of the ring.

## WRESTLING TONIGHT 8:30

KIEL AUDITORIUM  
A Handicap Match  
World Champion

**GENE KINISKI**

vs.  
**"DR. SCARLET"**

**"THE CRUSHER"**

vs.  
**WILBUR SNYDER**

also  
6 other bouts including tag match

TICKETS  
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WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP!  
THE BEST POSSIBLE TITLE BOUT IN PRO WRESTLING EVER!!  
Promoter Ed McLemore Scoops Mat World!

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## KINISKI vs. FRITZ Von ERICH!

U.S. Champ & "Iron Claw King" Fritz Von Erich, First Man Ever Seeking Second Straight Win Over Champ After Mauling Kiniski Here in "Texas Style" Non-Title Match!

Official N.W.A. Belt To Be Awarded By  
N.W.A. President Sam Muchnick

### Giant Supporting Card!

NICK & JERRY KOZAK VS. SPOILER NUMBER 2 & CICLON NEGRO ★ BILLY (RED)  
LYONS VS. JIM DALTON ★ BUDDY MORENO VS. MIKE (THE BRAIN) PAIDOURIS  
★ PANCHO LOPEZ VS. GOLDEN GREEK TOLOS!

8:30 P.M. TUESDAY SPORTATORIUM



Above:  
Dallas, Texas  
3/26/68

Left & upper left corner:  
Both Atlanta,  
Ga. 3/8/68

Two at right:  
Both Atlanta,  
Ga. 3/29/68

## WRESTLING

Fri., March 29—8:30 P.M.

HANS  
SCHMIDT  
and  
EL  
MONGOL



and  
**DANDY JACK**  
VS

**LOU THESZ**  
and  
**TORRES**  
BROS.—Enrique & Alberto

PLUS AN ALL-STAR CARD  
Adv. Tickets—JA. 3-6880

City Auditorium

### Thesz, Torres Gain Victory

Lou Thesz and the Torres Brothers defeated Hans Schmidt, El Mongol, and Dandy Jack Crawford in the main event at City Auditorium Friday night.

In other action, Bobby Hart won over Greg Peterson and Ray Gunkel and Buddy Fuller stopped the Gauchos. The match between Duke Keomuka and Bob Armstrong ended in a draw, and the Mario Galento-Butcher Vachon match was declared no contest.

Left & below:  
St. Louis,  
Missouri  
4/5/68

### Pro Wrestling

(AT KIEL AUDITORIUM)  
MAIN EVENT—The "Crusher," 280, pinned Wilber Snyder, 240. Time—13:16.

MAIN EVENT—Dr. Scarlet pinned heavyweight champion Gene Kiniski, 278, in a non-title bout. Time—15:02.

SEMIFINAL MATCH—Edouard Carpenter, 225, pinned Mitsu Arakawa, 240. Time—14:17.

FOURTH MATCH—Pat O'Connor, 238, pinned Stanley Kowalski, 275. Time—13:50.

THIRD MATCH—(Australian tag-team bout) "Cowboy," Bob Ellis, 240, and Joe Tangaro, 235, went to a half-hour draw with Moose Chotak, 300, and Bob Getrel, 240. Each team won one fall before time ran out.

SECOND MATCH—Bobby Shane, 218, pinned Jack Daniels, 240. Time—4:18.

CURTAIN RAISER—Tor Kamata, 240, pinned Bob Boyer, 234. Time—8:18.

NOTE: Later this same year, Gene Kiniski would meet the mysterious Dr. Scarlet in a match to a finish with Kiniski risking his title against the Doctor's mask. Results of that showdown are in this booklet, so read on ...

# WRESTLING at WITSCHI'S

8:30 P.M.  
FRIDAY  
APRIL 19

BIG ANNIVERSARY SHOW—7 BIG BOUTS

Transistor Radios and Perfume  
GIVEN AWAY

WORLD'S TITLE MATCH  
SCARPA vs. GYPSY JOE

WORLD'S LADY TITLE  
MILLS vs. Maggie SANTIAGO

NEW ENGLAND TITLE MATCH  
Haystack Muldoon vs. Montana

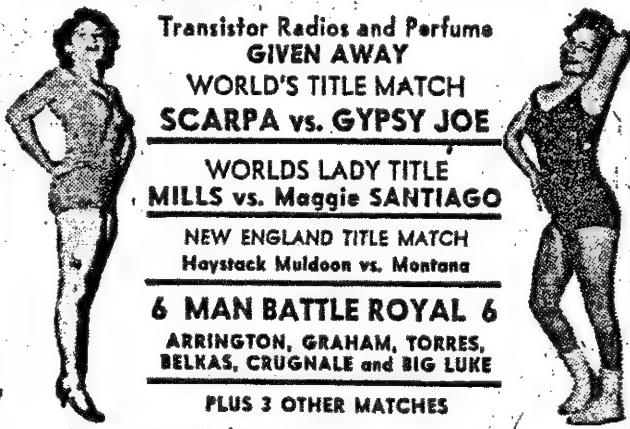
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Below: Montreal, Que., Can.  
4/22/68

## Wrestling Revival Set For Forum On Monday

They've already started tearing out the walls and soon the roof will come down in the renovation of the Forum.

It wouldn't be right to let the echoes of the late Eddie Quinn, the feats of Yukon Eric, Dan O'Mahoney, Argentine Rocca, Lou Thesz, Strangler Lewis, The Angel, Bruno Sammartino and other mat greats pass into demolition without a last wrestling show at the old arena.

The revival is slated for Monday night when Promoter Bob Langevin shifts his weekly show from Paul Sauve Arena to the Forum. The eight-bout card promises to bring back memories of all the grunts, groans and laughs enjoyed by thousands when Montreal was the hub of the sport on the continent.

Yvon Robert, the idol of local mat fans for years, will be on hand as guest referee of a feature bout, made authentic in wrestling lingo by being billed for the international heavyweight championship.

Veteran Montrealer Johnny Rougeau, once a headliner at the Forum, will oppose rugged Russian Yvan Koloff in the best-of-three falls.

Another old Forum enter-

tainer, Parisian Edouard Carpentier, is slated for the co-feature and will take on The Sheik in another best-of-three falls affair.

The card will present 24 wrestlers with four tag-team matches among the other bouts.

Baron Fritz Von Raschke and Hans Schmidt, the colorful German duo, will match their rough tactics against the weight of Bill Miller (310) and Dan Miller (252), both of Columbus, in one fall to the finish.

Gino Brito teams up with Jacques Rougeau against Brute Martin of Vancouver and Scotsman Matt Gilmore in a 30-minute match. Lionel Robert partners Juan Lopez in a 20-minute tussle with Don Serrano and Pat Lawrence.

Little men also will be in action in a team match when midgets Little Beaver and Jamaica Kid oppose Sky Low Low and Little Brutus.

Larry Moquin, a veteran who started under Eddie Quinn at the Forum in 1942, will take on Joe (Killer) Christie of Brandon.

Dale Robertis of Vancouver meets Montrealer Gerard Dugas in the other single bout.

# CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

Sat., Apr. 20, 8:30

Northside

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711 N. Pennsylvania



## Non-Title Handcuff Match

MAIN EVENT

WILBUR SNYDER vs.  
BLACK JACK LANZA

YUKON MOOSE  
vs. BIG "K"

DR. MOTTO vs.  
PAUL CHRISTY

THE ASSASSIN  
vs. BOB BOYER

Watch Championship  
Wrestling Sat., 5:30-6:30  
WTTV, CH. 4

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Massachusetts

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Indiana

Two below:  
Both St. Louis,  
Missouri  
5/3/68

World Heavyweight  
Wrestling  
Championship

**TONIGHT 8:30**

KIEL AUDITORIUM  
GENE KINISKI

World Heavyweight Champion

VS.

"DR. SCARLET"

Mated Challenger

also

5 other great bouts  
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TICKETS—Arcade Bldg. and Kiel  
Auditorium

PRICES—\$1.50-\$2.00-\$3.00-\$4.00

Doors of Auditorium  
Will Open 7 P.M. Tonight  
When Tickets Will Also  
Be on Sale

## Wrestling Results

MAIN EVENT—Gene Kiniski, 375, Edmonton, Canada, successfully defended his world heavyweight title by winning two-of-three falls from "Cowboy" Bill Watts, 197, Oklahoma City, Okla. Watts had been known as "Dr. Scarlet" before unmasking. Kiniski pinned Watts with a back-breaker and press to win the first fall at 14:12. Watts pinned Kiniski with a power slam to win the second fall at 1:35. Kiniski pinned Watts with a body press to win the third and deciding fall at 3:17.

FIFTH MATCH—(Australian tag-team bout) "Cowboy" Bob Ellis, 210, San Angelo, Tex., and Pat O'Connor, 235, Wellington, New Zealand, won 2-0 and the match from Dick "Bulldog" Brower, 270, Buffalo, N.Y., and "Dick" the Bruiser, 250, Nevada. Ellis pinned Brower with a body press to win the fall and the match at 7:47.

FOURTH MATCH—Terry Funk, 240, Umbarger, Tex., won from "Black Jack" Lanza, 250, Albuquerque, N.M., on a reverse decision by referee Mike Oechi for interference by Lanza's manager Bobby Heenan. Time 14:59.

THIRD MATCH—Edouard Carpentier, 225, Paris, France, pinned Hans Schmidt, 252, Milwaukee, Wis., with a series of kangaroo kicks and body flips. Time—13:50.

SECOND MATCH—(Australian tag-team bout) Bob Brown, 236, Winnipeg, Canada, and Bob Geigel, 240, Algona, Ia., won two of three falls and the match from Bobby Shane, 218, St. Louis, and Thor Hagen, 210, Minneapolis, Minn. Geigel pinned Shane with a back cradle hold to win the first fall at 9:26. Shane pinned Brown with an atomic drop and press to win the second fall at 8:08. Brown pinned Shane with a backcradle fall at 9:16 and decided the bout at 9:36.

OPENING BOUT—Joe Tassare, 287, St. Louis, pinned Jack Daniels, 244, St. Louis, Time—8:28.

# COLISEUM SUNDAY WRESTLING

SUNDAY, APR. 21—7:30 P.M.

TEXAS DEATH MATCH:

KILLER AUSTIN

vs. EL MEDICO NO. 1

FALLS DON'T COUNT! WRESTLE UNTIL  
ONE MAN CAN'T ANSWER BELL

THE CONVICT vs. DON CHUY-

John Tolos vs. El Medico No. 2

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& VS. &

MR. XX NO. TWO EL MEXICANA

CRAZY LUKE GRAHAM

vs. RIKI RENALDO

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EARL MAYNARD  
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VS.  
302-POUND VIRGIL "KENTUCKY" BUTCHER  
(ONE MAN DESTRUCTION DERBY)

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**ALSO: TAG TEAM EVENT—2-OF-3-FALLS**

BARON SCICLUNA & GORILLA MONSOON  
(BELLIGERENT BULLY BOYS)

VS.

BRUNO SAMMARTINO & BIG BOBO BRAZIL  
(WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION &  
UNITED STATES TITLEHOLDER)

PLUS OTHER  
SUPPORTING MATCHES.

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SAMMARTINO

BOBO  
BRAZIL

## Matmen to Vie In Arena Tuesday

"Big Time" wrestling will shift from Saturday to Tuesday night in the Center Arena this week.

Two tag-team matches will headline the card, with four other bouts scheduled, starting at 8:30.

In the "biggest" tag-team affair Haystack Calhoun, 600 pounds, will team up with Sky High Jones (390) and Don Leo Jonathan (305) against Abdullah and the Assassins.

The tag other affair matches two brother teams — Karl and Kurt von Steiger vs. Roy and Don McClarty.

- Other bouts: Tex McKenzie vs. Gaylord George; Rocky Johnson vs. Arman Hussian; Bad Boy Shields vs. Eric Froelich and Bruce Kirk vs. Jack Bence.
- The Arena box office will open at 4 o'clock.

Above:  
Washington,  
D. C.

**NOTE:**  
The Convict in  
San Diego later  
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mask and gained  
fame in other  
areas as Stan  
(Plowboy) Frazier.

Left:  
Seattle,  
Washington  
5/7/68

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## **Bearcat Nips**

### **Ray Stevens**

Bearcat Wright won the third and deciding fall against Ray Stevens Saturday night in the feature match of the Cow Palace wrestling program.

In the co-feature, Pepper Gomez and Pedro Morales defeated Kinji Shibuya and Haru Sasaki.

#### **Other results:**

Curtis Iaukaa d. Pepper Martin  
and Don Chuy; Masked Mascaras d.  
Pedro Godoy; Pat Patterson d.  
Alberto Anesa; Mr. Saito d. Lou Whitson;  
Hahn Lee d. Art Dominguez.  
Attendance: 6343.

Above:  
San Francisco, Cal.  
6/8/68

Below:  
San Diego, Calif.

# **COLISEUM SUNDAY**

# **WRESTLING**

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 7:30 P.M.

### **TRIPLE ATTRACTION**

# **BOBO BRAZIL vs. MR. TEXAS**

**TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**FREDDIE BLASSIE & KILLER AUSTIN VS. THE MEDICS  
OF MEXICO**

**SPECIAL TAG**  
**PEDRO MORALES THE CONVICT**

**CRAZY LUVIN'**

**CRAZY LURE** vs. **MR.**  
**GRAHAM** vs. **SAITO**  
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# WRESTLING

## **DOUBLE MAIN EVENT**

**Mark Lewin  
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**Texas Death  
Tag Match**

**HELLS ANGELS**  
**V.S.**  
**the KANGAROOS**



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Miami Beach, Fla.  
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## ALL STAR

## WRESTLING



WEDNESDAY  
8:30 P.M.  
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AUDITORIUM



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CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH,  
NO TIME LIMIT

JOHNNY VALENTINE  
VS.

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VS.

SPUTNIK MONROE  
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## WRESTLING

THURSDAY, 8:30 P. M.  
Memorial Hall, K. C. K.

### 6 BIG MATCHES 6

#### MAIN EVENT

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ARGENTINA ROCCA



Possibly the greatest wrestler of all time returns to K. C. The fans will have a big treat.

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Top right corner:  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

6/30/68

## Wrestling

TONIGHT  
8:30 p.m.

Albuquerque  
Civic  
Auditorium

WORLD'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
THE FUNKS  
TERRY & DORY JR. -vs- VON BRAUNERS  
KURT & KARL

\* \* \* CROWN ON THE LINE \* \* \*  
K. O. PATTERSON -vs- Ricky ROMERO

The INFERNO  
and  
MANAGER -vs- Chris TOLOS  
and  
Dick MURDOCK

Nick BOCKWINKLE -vs- The HANGMAN

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### ROCCA WINS LAST TWO

Nature Boy Falls in Wrestling Main Event

Argentine Rocca won the last two falls to defeat Nature Boy in the main wrestling event last night in Memorial hall in Kansas City, Kansas. A crowd of about 2,500 persons watched.

#### Other results:

Cowboy Bob Ellis defeated Bob Brown in a one-fall match with a bulldog head lock.

Klondike Bill used a bear hug to defeat Jack the Ripper.

Pat O'Connor needed only three minutes and a spinning toe hold to win from Baron von Heisinger.

The Viking whipped Seve Bolus with a half Nelson and a leg.

Stan the Moose used a body slam and a body press to defeat Herbert in six minutes.

Two at left:

Both

Kansas City, Kansas  
6/20/68

## WRESTLING

SAT. JULY 13  
For the Gold Belt!

Bruno Ernie

SAMMARTINO vs LADD

Gorilla MONSOON VS Vic RIVERA

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BEST 3 OUT OF 5 FALLS

ABE JACOBS

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NELSON ROYAL

VS.

GENE, LARS and OLE  
ANDERSON

PANCHO VALDEZ VS. PAUL JONES	BOB RAMSTAD VS. JESSE JAMES	NIKITA MULKAVICH JOHNNY HEIDMAN VS. BOBBY NICHOLS AMAZING ZUMA
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# Wrestling

SUN.  
8:00 P.M.

BULLDOG BROWER

VS.

THE ASSASSIN

INTERNATIONAL  
TAG TEAM TITLE

TIGER JEET SINGH  
& WILD BULL CURRY

Champions vs.

WHIPPER WATSON  
& ERIC THE RED

IVAN KOLOFF  
Accompanied by his Mgr. TONY ANGELO  
vs. IVAN KALMIKOFF

MARK LEWIN Israeli Champion  
vs. BOB BOYER

WALDO VON ERICH  
vs. PAT FLANAGAN

MAPLE LEAF GARDENS

## Thesz And Hodge Battle Donovan Team



Danny Hodge



Lou Thesz

Two of wrestling's all time greats, international heavyweight champion Lou Thesz and world's junior heavyweight kingpin Danny Hodge join forces to tackle Jack Donovan and Ron Reed for the U.S. tag title on Monday night's Civic Center mat card. Bell time is 8:30.

Hodge secured the great Thesz as a helper after his

regular partner was injured. Lou has just returned from a world's tour and reports himself in top condition, and this could be bad news for Mrs. Donovan's team come Monday evening.

Other bouts are: Gorgeous George vs Mr. Ito, Karl Von Stroheim vs Matti Suzuki and Chati Yokouchi vs Jerry London. For reservations call LU 4-4667.

Above: Tulsa,  
Oklahoma  
7/15/68

Immediate right:  
Detroit, Mich'n.  
8/10/68

Far right:  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico  
7/21/68

## Wrestling

Main Event — The Assassin, 240, won over Dick "Bulldog" Brower, 273, who had appeared at the 17:00 Mart. in the scheduled one hour bout. Semi-final — The International Tag Team Champions, Tiger Jeet Singh, 240, and Wild Bull Curry, 230, retained their title by defeating the team of Whipper Billy Watson, 238 and Eric The Red, 300. Curry gained the win by pinning Eric The Red at 11:29 of the 60 minute match.

Preliminaries — Eduard Carpenter, 230, defeated Ron "Bull" Jonson, 235, with back drops and top spread at 1:14. Mark Lewin, 225 pound Israeli champion, won over Sylvain Richard, 225, with a sleeper hold at the very short time of 1:58. Ivan Koloff, 275, remained undefeated by crushing Ivan Kalmykoff, 240, with a series of back-breakers at the 9:20 mark of a twenty minute bout. The opening bout had Waldo Von Erich, 235, beating Pat Flanagan, 240, with a knee-drop and spread in exactly seven minutes.

Above & left:  
Toronto, Ontario  
Canada  
7/14/68

## Smith's Rampage Costs Him Title

Grizzly Smith ran wild again at the Sportatorium Tuesday night and failed in his bid to win the Texas heavyweight wrestling championship from the masked Spoiler One.

Even at a fall a piece, Grizzly became irked at the rugged tactics of his foe and blasted everyone in sight to draw a disqualification. It was the seven-foot, 400-pounder's first loss locally.

Duke Keomuka grabbed a third fall win over Chris Markoff in the co-feature.

Argentina Apollo and Nick Kozak lost to Spoiler Two and Dusty Rhodes. Evelyn Stevens defeated Barbara Galento. Billy Garrett and Pancho Valdez drew.

Below:  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
7/22/68

## WRESTLING

CIVIC CENTER  
TONIGHT — 8:30 P.M.



Haystack Muldoon

First Match  
World's Jr. Heavyweight Title  
DANNY HOODGE vs. RON REED

Special Event  
450 Lb. Haystack Muldoon  
and Gorgeous George  
vs.  
Mr. Ito and Chati Yokouchi

Semi-Final  
Matti Suzuki vs Frank Marconi

First Event  
Karl Von Stroheim vs Bob Griffin

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Immediate left:  
Dallas, Texas  
7/16/68

## Sheik Keeps Mat Crown

The Sheik defeated Lord Layton in two out of three Falls Saturday to hold onto his U.S. heavyweight professional wrestling title.

In other matches Bobo Brazil defeated The Big O, Mark Lewin, clobbered Tony Borne, Bulldog Brower beat Jacques Murphy, Thunderball Patterson topped Frankie Talaber, Jess Ortega out-wrestled Lou Klein, Killer Karl Kox drew with Danny Hodge, Dickie Murdock flattened Chris Markoff, The Hell's Angels held their tag team championship by dropping Fred and Bill Curry and the tag team of Christy and Lyons trounced Von Raschke and Ivan Koloff.

## Wrestling

TONIGHT  
8:30 p.m.

KURT & KARL  
VON BRAUNER

Albuquerque  
Civic  
Auditorium  
THE  
INFERNOS  
managed By J. C. Dykes

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Ricky  
ROMERO

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The BRUTE

LORD PATRICK —vs— CHIEF LITTLE EAGLE

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TONIGHT, 8:30 P. M.  
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## 2 CHAMPIONSHIP MAIN EVENTS 2

NORTH AMERICAN  
TAG TEAM TITLE  
CHAMPIONS

VIKING & NATURE BOY  
vs.  
CHALLENGERS

MYERS & ETCHISON

KANSAS GIRLS TITLE

CHAMPION	CHALLENGER
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6 MAN TAG MATCH 6



BOB-BROWN VS. STEVE BOLUS

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Above:

Kansas City, Kansas  
8/29/68

Below: Raleigh, North Carolina

# WRESTLING

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MR. WRESTLING Paul Jones  
Nelson Royal  
Versus

MR. HOMER O'DELL  
Hiro Matsuda  
The Missouri Mauler

LES WOLFF  
Versus  
PANCHO VALDEZ

SPECIAL ATTRACTION

LOU THESZ  
former world's  
heavyweight champion  
Versus

ABE JACOBS

BIG TAG MATCH  
BILLY & JIMMY HINES  
(THE UNMASKED DEMONS)  
Versus  
SAILOR ART THOMAS  
THE AMAZING ZUMA

# Kiniski Wins Amid Hassle

World heavyweight champion Gene Kiniski was stretched out on the canvas when his hand was raised in victory over Fritz Von Erich before the biggest wrestling crowd in 10 years at the Coliseum Friday night.

Kiniski had been laid out by the Iron Claw, but Von Erich, who had dragged Kiniski from outside the ring with the hold, had gotten into a hassle with referee Lou Thesz. Thesz was still outside the ring recovering.

As Von Erich pinned Kiniski flat, Sky Hi McKenzie leaped into the ring and counted the champion out. Bedlam broke loose as the crowd agreed with Sky Hi that Fritz was the new champion.

But Thesz staggered onto his feet and countered the decision as he sent Dick Raines into the ring to pull Fritz's hand down and raise Kiniski's. That brought on another wild pushing scrap between Thesz and Von Erich but the decision stood.

Evelyn Stevens kept her Texas state title when she beat Jessica Rogers two out of three falls; Sky Hi McKenzie whipped Pedro Valdez; Dusty Rhodes upset Argentine Apollo; Pantera Negra beat Jack Vansky and Seiji Sakaguchi beat The Bulldog.

Above:  
Houston, Texas  
8/30/68

Below:

Nashville, Tennessee

9/11/68

# Tojo Team Disqualified In Wild Bout

Tojo Yamamoto attempted to put some seasoning into a wild tag team battle last night at the Fairgrounds Coliseum and it resulted in the match winding up with a salty call by the referee.

A PAID audience of 4,380 was vocally happy — if still a tad incensed — when Tojo was detected using salt to blind Dennis Hall and awarded the third and deciding fall to the victim and his teammates — Ken Lucas and Len Rossi.

Tojo had resorted to the underhanded tactics while attempting to free his partner, Sugi Sito, who at the moment was in the grip of an abdominal stretch by Hall. While Sugi had a stomach ache and Tojo on the verge of his questionable act, the other member of the losing team, Gentleman Saul Weingeroff, was being pummeled by Rossi.

Not satisfied with the win and the unsportsmanlike manner in which Saul and his Japanese buddies accepted defeat, the winners proceeded to thrash the losers in "overtime" as the crowd went wild.

TOJO HAD used a double judo chop for the first fall division, with Rossi the victim. The second fall went to Lucas, who applied his famous sleeper hold on Sito.

Gene Kiniski, recognized as NWA world heavyweight belt holder in 42 of the 50 states, won a best of three fall match from Tamayo Soto and retained his belt.

Tarzan Tyler and Brute Bernard, accompanied by manager Dandy Jack, made a spectacular debut last night in a bruising one fall tag match with Les Thatcher and Corsica Joe. Tyler put the decision away when he caught Corsica Joe with a knee lift off the rope.

# WRESTLING

TONIGHT 8:30 P. M.  
Memorial Hall, K. C., K.  
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## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MAIN EVENT

CHAMPION GENE KININSKI



"So the Bruiser finally got a little  
match. It won't do him any good.  
I will win."

VS.  
CHALLENGER  
DICK 'THE BRUISER'



"K.C. has always been a favorite  
of mine. Especially when I win the  
title from that big coward."

SEMI-FINAL  
BROWN vs. VIKING  
SPECIAL NO. 1  
MYERS vs. O'CONNOR  
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Below: Tampa, Fla.  
9/24/68

### Masked Infernos Down Lothario And Scarpa

TAMPA — The Masked Infernos defeated Jose Lothario and Joe Scarpa by taking the final fall in the best-of-three feature match on last night's wrestling card at Fort Homer Hesterly Armory.

In other matches Sputnik Monroe defeated Great Malenko; Johnny Valentine won over Bobby Hart; Nick Kozak trimmed Tank Morgan; Duke Kemouka and Shinya Kojika teamed to beat Jack Brisco and partner Koa Tiki, while Sherry Lee defeated Betty Boucher in a women's opening match.

# Wrestling

SUN.  
8:00 p.m.

IVAN KOLOFF  
Accompanied  
by Mgr.  
Tony Angelo  
vs.  
**BULLDOG BROWER**

THE ASSASSIN  
vs.  
ERIC THE RED

DUTCH MOMBERG  
vs.  
MURRAY CUMMINGS

FLASH GORDON

vs.  
NIKITA KALMIKOFF

DEWEY ROBERTSON

vs.  
FRED ATKINS

exhibition of strength & science

### TEAM BOUT

ARGENTINA APOLLO

&  
WHIPPER WATSON

vs.  
TIGER JEET SINGH

&  
WILD BULL CURRY

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Left:  
Kansas City,  
Kansas  
9/12/68

Right:  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico  
10/13/68

### Hodge Wins Match As Ito Disqualified

Danny Hodge won by disqualification over Chatti Yokouchi in the main event of Monday night's professional wrestling card at the Assembly Center.

Lorenzo Parente won two falls out of three from Mr. Ito, and Haystack Muldoon won over Karl von Stroheim by disqualification. The Blue Demons defeated Red McKim and Gerald Brisco in a tag match, and Jim Osborne won the one-fall curtain-raiser from Matti Suzuki.

Above: Tulsa, Okla.  
9/16/68

Immediate left:  
Toronto, Ont., Canada  
9/15/68

# Wrestling

TONIGHT  
8:00 PM  
Albuquerque  
Civic  
Auditorium

### WORLD TEAM TAG CHAMPIONSHIP

Ricky ROMERO  
and  
Jerry KOZAK

-vs-

INFERNOS  
managed by  
J.C. Dykes

Lord PATRICK

-vs-

Mario GALENTO

Dory JR

-vs-

Nick BOCKWINKLE

Terry FUNK

-vs-

Gypsy JOE

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### Ray Stevens

### Wins Mat Bout

Ray Stevens looked forward to another Cow Palace wrestling headliner today after beating Kinji Shibuya on a disqualification last Saturday night.

After each had taken a fall the referee halted the match when Stevens slammed Shibuya into a ring post. He bled profusely from a cut forehead.

The crowd was announced at 7322 spectators, the gross gate as \$25,399.

#### Other results:

Pepper Gomez-Mountain Man Mike-Fred Curry d. Mr. Saito-Haru Sasaki-Crybaby Cannon; Bill Miller d. Pepper Martin; The Alaskan d. Hahn Lee; Roger Kirby d. Billy Culver; Steve Bolos d. The Masked Marvel;

Immediate left: San Francisco, Calif.  
10/12/68

Right:  
Los Angeles,  
California

10/16/68

### Lord Littlebrook Wins at Olympic

Lord Littlebrook defeated Little Bruiser and Crybaby Cannon conquered the Masked Raider in the wrestling features Wednesday night before 2,863 fans at Olympic Auditorium.

#### Other results:

Thunderbolt Patterson def. Don Savage; Steve Bolos def. the Invader; Rocky Montero drew with a Medic; Killer Austin def. Montero.

# WRESTLING

THURSDAY, 8:30 P. M.  
Memorial Hall, K. C., K.

## MAIN EVENT

"DIRTY"  
DUSTY RHODES



"This old man is going to be mine.  
I'm for real. Main Events are for  
me," says Rhodes.

VS.

PAT O'CONNOR.

## SPECIAL SEMI-FINAL

BOB BROWN  
VS.  
THE VIKING

TOMMY MARTIN

VS.

STAN THE MOOSE

GIL HAYES VS. EARL MAYNARD

TAO TEAM

MURDOCK &  
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-VS-

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Kansas City, Kansas  
10/17/68

Above:  
Houston, Texas  
10/18/68

Right:  
Kansas City,  
Kansas  
10/24/68

Below:  
Portland,  
Oregon  
10/19/68

## Lindsey Duo Mat Winners

Luther Lindsey and his partner, Luigi Macera, were awarded a disqualification win over Kirt and Karl Von Steiger in the featured pro wrestling match Saturday night at the Portland Sports Arena.

In supporting action, Beauregarde drew with Mac McFarland, Shag Thomas won on disqualification over Bully Boy Shields and Tony Borne and Bruce Kirk battled to a no-fall draw.

# WRESTLING

MON. OCT. 21 8:30 PM

BRUNO

THE

SAMMARTINO vs SHEIK



Vic RIVERA vs Gorilla MONSOON

H. CALHOUN vs Baron SCICLUNA

R. FITZPATRICK vs Spyros ARION

Bobo BRAZIL vs Bull RAMOS

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## Von Erich Is Mat Winner

Fritz Von Erich left no doubt that he is the American heavyweight champion and the No. 1 challenger for the world's title by beating Louis Thesz with an iron claw in the final fall of a rough main event at the Coliseum Friday night.

Thesz came into the ring in bad temper and carried the match to Fritz even before the bell rang. He scored the first fall in fast fashion winning with a flying body scissors in 4:54.

Most of the second fall was fought outside the ring with Thesz using every trick in the book to keep Von Erich from getting into the ring. But when Lou made a rush and tried to leap for a flying head scissors Fritz caught him with a right from outside that set him up for the fall.

In the final fall Fritz got the iron claw on Lou's head.

Kurt Hess lost on a disqualification to Chief Big Heart; Pantera Negra and Rene Goulet turned in a crowd pleasing draw while newcomer Frankie Hester looked good but lost to Spoiler Two in 8:35 of the opener.

WRESTLING'S ALL-TIME BEST BROTHER TEAM!



**FRITZ &**  
**WALDO**

VON ERICH VS UNMASKED



**HART & SPOILER ONE!**

(BUTCHER JARDINE)  
GRIZZLY vs HESS ★ HESTER vs SLOAN  
NEGRO vs SAKAGUCHI ★ O'BRIEN vs GOULET  
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Above:  
Dallas, Texas  
10/29/68

Right:  
San Francisco,  
California  
11/9/68

## Gomez, Stevens Win Mat Title

Pepper Gomez and Ray Stevens won in straight falls to take the world tag team title from Kinji Shibuya and Mr. Saito at the Cow Palace Saturday night before 13,957 fans.

In the 18-man battle royal Bill Miller won the title as he whipped Leo Jonathan in the finale. Gene Kiniski beat Fred Curry two out of three falls to retain his world heavyweight crown.

In other matches:

Man Mountain Mike defeated Maru Sasaki and Roger Kirby; Jonathan defeated the Alaskan; Bill Miller defeated Gene Dubugue, and Fred Blaiss defeated Popper Martin.

# WRESTLING

THURSDAY, 8:30 P. M.  
Memorial Hall, K. C., K.

## MAIN EVENT TAG TEAMS

BOB GEIGEL & BOB BROWN



vs.

THE VIKING AND HIS  
MIDGET PARTNER

THE VIKING & LITTLEBROOK



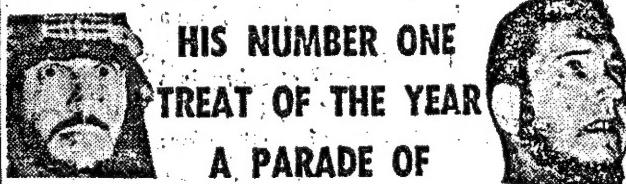
"I don't want a partner, but if I  
have to I'll take a midget. They  
can, they will be beaten."

"DIRTY" DUSTY RHODES  
VS. RONNIE ETCHEISON

MARTIN VS. MARCONI  
DICK MURDOCK VS.  
RUBIN LOPEZ  
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The Sheik

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NOTE: Bill Terry, listed in the opener for the Buffalo, N. Y. card, in later years has gained fame and fortune competing as Kurt Von Hess.

### Assassians

### Win Bout

The Assassians won the Georgia tag team trophy by defeating the Torres Brothers before a full house at the auditorium Friday night.

Mad Dog Vachon defeated Freddie Blassie and Johnny Valentine defeated Bob Armstrong in preliminary events. And in other matches, Seiji Sakaguchi beat The Outlaw; Ray Gunkle and Bill Dromo defeated Stan and Butcher Vachon; and Buddy Fuller won over Timmy Geohagen.

Left:

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Georgia

11/22/68

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# Hart, Smith Mat Winners

Gary Hart defeated Smasher Sloan in a grudge main event here at the Coliseum Friday night, much to the displeasure of the crowd.

Sloan, who was known as Spoiler Two, took the first fall but ran into a disqualification when he ran into referee Dick Raines in the second. The crowd didn't like the penalty.

In the third fall, Hart caught Sloan in the throat with an elbow as he rushed off the ropes.

In the other half of the twin main, Grizzly Smith was awarded the final fall on a disqualification over Baron Raschke.

Show stealer of the night came when Butcher Jardine, better known as Spoiler One, was battling Dr. Dan Miller. Jardine angered fans when he came into the ring wearing his mask and then proceeded to rough Miller up.

When Waldo Von Erich, who had earlier beaten Pantera Negra, stormed in to get even for something Spoiler had done to his brother Fritz last week, it caused a turmoil and brought a disqualification to Miller.

Billy the Kid won the midget match from Jay Cox; Frankie Hester and Rene Goulet drew and in the mixed tag team.

Above: Houston, Texas  
11/29/68

Below: Atlanta, Ga.

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FRI., DEC. 13—8:30 P.M.

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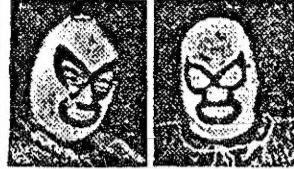
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